

By: Harris

S.B. No. 1804

Substitute the following for S.B. No. 1804:

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C.S.S.B. No. 1804

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to certain health care treatment plans and pharmaceutical
3 services.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subsection (e), Section 413.014, Labor Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (e) The commission may not prohibit an insurance carrier and
8 a health care provider from voluntarily discussing health care
9 treatment and treatment plans and pharmaceutical services, either
10 prospectively or concurrently, and may not prohibit an insurance
11 carrier from certifying or agreeing to pay for health care
12 consistent with those agreements. The insurance carrier is liable
13 for health care treatment and treatment plans and pharmaceutical
14 services that are voluntarily preauthorized and may not dispute the
15 certified or agreed-on preauthorized health care treatment and
16 treatment plans and pharmaceutical services at a later date.

17 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003. and
18 applies to requests for voluntary precertification occurring on, or
19 after, the effective date.